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Introduction

The idea behind *Making Out in Chinese* is to aid those who wish to speak real Chinese rather than the dry textbook style taught all over the world. No one really speaks textbook English, and the same is true of Chinese, so why not make out using real everyday Chinese? This book will save students valuable study time so that they can quickly move on to communicate naturally. I hope you will be successful in your attempts at making out in Chinese!

INFORMATION

Customs, habits, and traditions vary greatly throughout the world, and the traveler must take this into consideration when encountering other cultures. In my travels throughout China, I have often heard the expression: *Nǐmen shīfāng rén hǔn kāifàng. Wǒmen jōnggúo rén hǔnbówshǒ* (You Westerners are very liberal. We Chinese are very conservative). The forwardness of Western men and women, particularly in dealings with the opposite sex, has left many Chinese with the impression that Westerners are lacking in morals. If you are amorously interested in a Chinese, or just want to make friends, an indirect approach is recommended. It's better to give subtle hints about your feelings rather than just come out with them directly. The more subtle you are, the more well-intentioned you will seem.

The phrases in this book will be comprehensible in all Chinese-speaking countries. However, the degree of openness, especially in sexual matters, differs from country to country. My own personal ranking, from most liberal to most conservative, is as follows: Hong Kong, mainland China, Macao, Taiwan, Singapore,

Malaysia. My high ranking of mainland China may surprise some, but a great deal of openness is due to the number of Chinese seeking a foreign partner (and passport!).

PRONUNCIATION TIPS

All words in Chinese have a tone, and an incorrect tonal pronunciation can greatly change a word's meaning. For example:

The first tone (¯): The word *mā* spoken with first tone means "mother." The first tone is an even pitched sound, almost like singing.

Second tone (´): The word *má* with second tone means "hemp." The second tone rises, like one would say the word "right?"

Third tone (ˇ): The word *mǎ* spoken with the third tone means "horse." It is pronounced with a lowering of the voice.

Fourth tone (`): The word *mà* with fourth tone means "to scold" (for instance, if one were to reprimand someone, one would *mà!* the said individual). The fourth tone is spoken sharply, like the word "Damn!"

There is one more tone, *må,* referred to by the Chinese as "light sound," which indicates that the syllable should be spoken like the fourth tone pronunciation of the word "Damn!" except shorter (as if the speaker had tried to say "Damn" but only had time to pronounce the "da").

I advise the reader not to worry about the tones but to focus on the phonetic transcriptions which have been written so that English speakers can pronounce them easily. Just as English is spoken with different accents, so is Chinese; learners of Chinese must therefore develop an ear for the language.

CONSONANTS

The following offers a guide to the pronunciation of the standard *Hanyu Pinyin* system of romanization, which is used almost all over the world.

Most consonants are pronounced as in English.

Chinese	English
c	*i***ts**
q	**ch***eat* (said with a puff of air)
r	**ur***n*
x	**sea**
z	*bi***ts**
ch	**ch***urch* (said with one's tongue rolled back and with a puff of air)
sh	**sh***it* (said with one's tougue rolled back)
zh	**je***rk* (said with one's tongue rolled back)

VOWELS

Chinese	English
a	*f***a***ther*
e	*h***e***n*
i	*p***i***n* (A simple "i" is pronounced as "e" in *h***e**)
o	*g***o**
u	*J***u***ly*
ü	*fe***u***d* (said with rounded lips)
ao	*h***ow**
ei	*h***ay**
ou	*n***o** (said with a slight pull)
ui	**wai***t*

The more challenging combinations are as follows:

ci	*i**ts***
qi	***ch**ip*
si	***s**wing*
zi	*bi**ts***

The "i" in *ci*, *si* and *zi* is silent.

In the subsequent sections of the book, the *Hanyu Pinyin* system of romanization is presented on the right with phonetic transcriptions given below it. Phonetic transcriptions are included to cue you in on the English equivalent of a speech sound in the *Hanyu Pinyin* system.

TENSES

Tenses are expressed simply in Chinese. If you want to express that you already did something, you can add the word *lůh* at the end of the sentence. If you wish to express that you will do something, you can use the words *jiāng huày*. For example., "I will go" is *Wǒ jiāng huày chìu*. A sentence can also be made past or future by the use of time words such as *míng tiēn*(tomorrow) or *dzúo tiēn* (yesterday). Time is usually mentioned at the beginning of a sentence. For example, "I will go tomorrow" is *Wǒ míng tiēn chìu*; "I went yesterday" is *Wǒ dzúo tiēn chìu lůh*.

Basic Phrases

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Who? 谁?	Shéi? *(Sháy?)*
What? 什么?	Shén me? *(Shém-mů̊h?)*
Where? 哪里?	Ná lǐ? *(Nár-lǐ?)*
When? 什么时候?	Shén me shí hòu? *(Shém-mů̊h shér-hò?)*
Why? 为什么?	Wèi shén me? *(Wày shém-mů̊h?)*
How? 怎么样?	Zěn me yàng? *(Dzěm mů̊h yàng?)*
Whose? 谁的?	Shúi de? *(Sháy dů̊h?)*
This 这个	Zhè ge *(Jùh-gů̊h)*
That 那个	Nà ge *(Nàh-gů̊h)*
Here 这里。	Zhè lǐ *(Jùh-lǐ)*
There 那里	Nà lǐ *(Nàh-lǐ)*
If 如果	Rú guǒ *(Rú-guǒ)*

But 但是	Dàn shì *(Dèn-shèr)*
However 可是	Kě shì (Kǔh shèr)
Nevertheless 不过	Bú guò *(Bú-guò)*
Because 因为	Yīn wéi *(īng-wáy)*
Thus 那么	Nà me *(Nàh-mů̊h)*
So, therefore 所以	Suó yǐ *(Suó-ǐ)*
Yes 是的	Shì de *(Shèr dů̊h)*
The verb "to be" 是	Shì *(Shèr)*
No 不 不是的	Bù *(Bù)* Bú shì de *(Bú shèr dů̊h)*



Maybe 可能	Kě néng *(Kǔh núng)*
Maybe not 可能不是	Kě néng bú shì *(Kǔh-núng bú shèr)*
I 我	Wǒ. *(Wǒ.)*
You 你。	Nǐ *(Nǐ)*
He/She/It 他／她／它	Tā *(Tā)*
We 我们	Wǒ men *(Wǒ-mẻn)*
You (plural) 你们	Nǐ men *(Nǐ-mẻn)*
They 他们／她们／它们	Tā men *(Tā-mẻn)*
Don't ... 不要	Bú yào... *(Bú yòw...)*
I would like to ... . 我想⋯	Wó xiǎng... . *(Wó shiǎng... .)*
I don't want to ... . 我不想⋯	Wǒ bù xiǎng... . *(Wǒ bù shiǎng... .)*
Hear, listen 听	Tīng *(Tīng)*
See, look 看	Kàn *(Kàn)*
Smell 闻	Wén *(Wén)*

Touch. Mō
摸 *(Mō)*

Listen to me! Tīng wǒ shuō!
听我说! *(Tīng wǒ shuō!)*

Have you seen Lee? Nǐ kàn dào lǐ le ma?
你看到李了吗? *(Nǐ kàn dòw lěe lůh må?)*

I saw Lee. Wǒ kàn dào lǐ le.
我看到李了。 *(Wǒ kàn dòw lěe lůh.)*

I want to go and see you! Wó xiǎng qù kàn nǐ!
我想去看你! *(Wó shiǎng chìu kàn nǐ!)*

I want meet you! Wó xiǎng Jiàn nǐ!
我想见你! *(Wó shiǎng Jièn nǐ!)*

I'll show it to you. Wó géi nǐ kàn.
我给你看。 *(Wó gáy nǐ kàn.)*

Please (polite) Qǐng
请 *(Chǐng)*

Please (begging) Bài tuō
拜托 *(Bài-tuō*
Also means "please" as in "What do you take me for?"

Thank you. Xiè xie.
谢谢。 *(Shièh-shièh.)*



You're welcome.
不谢。
Bú-xiè.
(Bú-shièh.)

Don't mention it.
不客气。
Bú kè qì.
(Bú kùh-chèe.)

Where is the toilet?
厕所在哪儿?
Cè suǒ zài nǎ ér?
(Tsè-suǒ zài nǎr?)

Where is the washroom?
洗手间在哪儿?
Xí shǒu jiān zài nǎ ér?
(Shí shǒu jiān zài nǎr?)

What is this?
这是什么?
Zhè shì shén me?
(Jùh shèr shém-můh?)

What is this/that called?
这个/那个叫什么?
Zhè ge/Nà ge jiào shén me?
(Jùh-gůh/Nàh-gůh jiòw shém-můh?)

What does ... mean?
…是什么意思?
... shì shén me yì si?
(... shèr shém-můh ì-sż?)

How do you pronounce this?
这个怎么念?
Zhè ge zěn me niàn?
(Jùh gůh dzěm-můh nièn?)

I have a question.
我有一个问题。
Wó yǒu yí ge wèn tí.
(Wó yǒ í-gůh wèn-tí.)



Do you understand? 懂不懂?	Dǒng bu dǒng? *(Dǒng bů dǒng?)*
Are you clear about it? 你明白吗?	Nǐ míng-bai ma? *(Nǐ míng-båi må?)*
I don't understand. 我不懂。	Wǒ bù dǒng. *(Wǒ bù dǒng.)*
I am not clear (on this matter) 我不明白。	Wǒ bù míng bai. *(Wǒ bù míng-båi.)*
I know. 我明白。	Wǒ míng bai. *(Wǒ míng-båi.)*
I understand. 我懂。	Wó dǒng. *(Wó dǒng.)*
Please explain. 请解释。	Qíng jiě shì. *(Chíng jiěh shèr.)*
Please clarify. 请说明。	Qǐng shuō míng. *(Chíng shuō míng.)*
Complex 复杂	Fù zá *(Fù-záh)*
Simple, easy 简单	Jiǎn dān *(Jiěn-dān)*
Difficult 困难	kùn nan *(Kwèn-nån)*
No wonder. 怪不得。	Guài bù dé. *(Guài bů dúh.)*
It's obvious. 很明显。	Hěn míng xiǎn. *(Hǔn míng shiěn.)*
I know. 我知道。	Wǒ zhī dào. *(Wǒ jēr-dòw.)*

I don't know.
我不知道。
Wǒ bù zhī dào.
(Wǒ bù jēr-dòw.)

I forgot.
我忘记了。
Wǒ wàng jì le.
(Wǒ wàng-jì lůh.)

I remember.
我记得。
Wǒ jì de.
(Wǒ jì důh.)

Tell me.
告诉我。
Gào sù wǒ.
(Gòw-sù wǒ.)

What did you say?
你说什么?
Nǐ shuō shén me?
(Nǐ shuō shém-můh?)

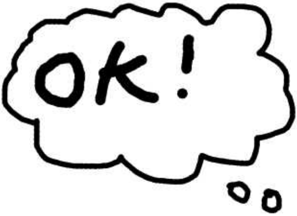
Is it OK?
好不好?
Hǎo bu hǎo?
(Hǒw bů hǒw?)

Is it acceptable?
可以吗?
Ké yǐ ma?
(Kúh-ǐ må?)

Can you do it?
行吗?
Xíng ma?
(Shíng må?)

No way (you don't have permission).
不行!
Bù xíng!
(Bù shíng!)





Have permission. 行。	Xíng. *(Shíng.)*
Either is fine. 都可以。	Dōu ké yǐ. *(Dōh kúh-ǐ.)*
Is this right? 对不对?	Duì bu duì? *(Dwày bů dwày?)*
Right 对。	Duì *(Dwày)*
By the way. 顺便说。	Shùn biàn shuō. *(Shuèn-biènn shuō.)*
Wrong 不对	Bú duì *(Bú dwày)*
Success 成功	Chéng gōng *(Chúng gōng)*
Failure 失败	Shī bài *(Shēr bài)*
Almost 几乎	Jǐ hū *(Jǐ-hů)*
Same 一样	Yí yàng *(Í-yàng)*
About the same. 差不多。	Chā bù duō. *(Chā bù-duō.)*

Imitate
模仿
Mó fǎng
(Muó fǎng)

I'm in trouble!
我有麻烦了!
Wó yǒu má fan le!
(Wó yǒ má-fǎn lůh!)

What's wrong with you?
你怎么了?
Ní zěn me le?
(Ní dzěm-můh lůh?)

What's wrong?
有什么问题?
Yóu shén me wèn tí?
(Yó shém-můh wèn-tí?)

Nothing's wrong!
没问题吧。
Méi wèn tí ba.
(Máy wèn-tí bå.)

You aren't hurt, are you?
你没事吧?
Nǐ méi shì ba?
(Nǐ máy shèr bå?)

Do you need help?
你需要帮助吗?
Nǐ xū yào bāng zhù ma?
(Nǐ shīu yòw bāng-jù må?)

I need help.
我需要帮助。
Wǒ xū yào bāng zhù.
(Wǒ shīu yòw bāng-jù.)

I don't need help.
我不需要帮助。
Wǒ bù xū yào bāng zhù.
(Wǒ bù shīu yòw bāng-jù.)

I'll help you do it.
我帮你做?
Wǒ bāng nǐ zuò.
(Wǒ bāng nǐ dzuò.)

Help me.
帮我一下?
Bāng wǒ yí xià.
(Bāng wǒ í-shiàh.)

Help!
救命!
Jiù mìng!
(Jioù-mìng!)

Be careful!
小心!
Xiǎo xīn!
(Shiǎu shīn!)

Dangerous!
危险!
Wēi xiǎn!
(Wāy-shiěn!)

Careless 不小心	Bù xiǎo xīn *(Bù shiǎu shīn)*
I'm sick. 我病了。	Wǒ bìng le. *(Wǒ bìn lůh.)*
Where's the hospital? 医院在哪儿?	Yī yuàn zài nǎ ér? *(Ī-yuèn zài nǎr?)*
How much? 多少?	Duō shǎo? *(Duō shǎu?)*
Buy it! 买下来!	Mǎ i xià lái! *(Mǎ i shiàh lái!)*
I don't want to buy it. 我不想买。	Wǒ bù xiǎng mǎi. *(Wǒ bù shiǎng mǎi.)*
It's too expensive! 太贵了。	Tài guì le! *(Tài guày lůh!)*
Very poor quality. 很烂。 质量不好。	Hěn làn. *(Hǔn làn.)* Zhì liàng bù hǎo. *(Jǐ liàng bù hǒw.)*



Give me a better price.
算便宜点。
Suàn pián yì diǎn.
(Swàn pién-ì diěn.)

Do you want it?
要不要?
Yào bù yào?
(Yòw bù yòw?)

I want ... .
我要…。
Wǒ yào.... .
(Wǒ yòw.... .)

I don't want ... .
我不要…。
Wǒ bú yào.... .
(Wǒ bú yòw.... .)

Please give me change.
请给我换零钱。
Qǐng géi wǒ huàn líng qián.
(Chǐng gáy wǒ huàn líng-chién.)

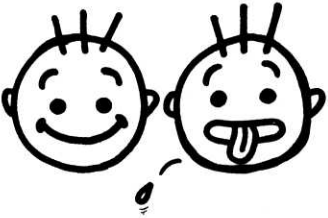
Enough?
够了吗?
Gòu le ma?
(Gò lůh må?)

Enough.
够了。
Gòu le.
(Gò lůh.)

Not enough.
不够。
Bú gòu.
(Bú gò.)

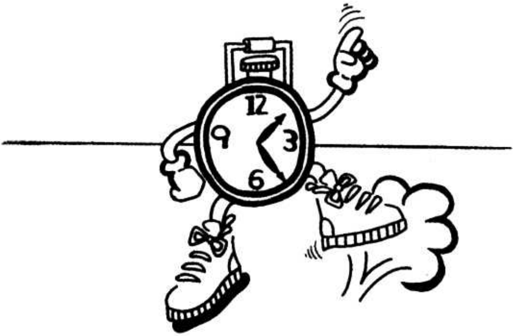
Satisfied?
满意吗?
Mǎn yì ma?
(Mǎn-ì må?)

Satisfied.
满意。
Mǎn yì.
(Mǎn-ì.)



Not satisfied. 不满意。	Bù mǎn yì. *(Bù mǎn-ì.)*
Separate 分开	Fēn kāi *(Fēn-kāi)*
Put together. 放在一起。	Fàng zài yì qǐ. *(Fàng zài ì-chǐ.)*
All together. 一共。	Yí gòng. *(Í-gòng.)*
It's OK (acceptable). 还可以。	Hái ké yǐ. *(Hái kúh-ǐ.)*
Give it to me. 给我。	Géi wǒ. *(Gáy wǒ.)*
Here, take it. 拿去吧。	Ná qù ba. *(Náh chìu bů.)*
Hold this. 拿着。	Ná zhe. *(Náh jůh.)*
I have ... . 我有…。	Wó yǒu... . *(Wó yǒ... .)*
I don't have ... . 我没有…。	Wǒ méi yǒu... . *(Wó máy yǒ ... .)*
What's next? 接下来呢?	Jiē xià lái ne. *(Jiēh shiàh lái nůh?)*
Last time. 上次。	Shàng cì. *(Shàng ts.)*
This time. 这次。	Zhèi cì. *(Jày ts.)*
Next time. 下次。	Xià cì. *(Shiàh ts.)*

A long time ago. 很久以前。	Hén jiǔ yǐ qián. *(Hún jioǔ ǐ-chién.)*
Just a moment ago. 刚才。	Gāng cái. *(Gāng tsái.)*
After 以后	Yǐ hòu *(ǐ-hò)*
Before 以前	Yǐ qián *(ǐ-chién)*
Time 时间	Shí jiān *(Shí jēn)*
What time? (When?) 什么时候？	Shén me shí hòu? *(Shém-mŭh shér-hò?)*
What time is it (now)? 现在几点了？	Xiàn zài jí diǎn le? *(Shièn zài jí-dién lŭh?)*
Sometimes 有时候	yǒu shí hòu *(Yǒ shér-hò)*
Always 经常	Jīng cháng *(Jīng-cháng)*
Seldom 很少	Hén shǎo *(Hún shǎo)*



Occassionaly
偶尔

Óu'ěr
(Ó-ér)

Never
从来没有

Cóng lái méi yǒu
(Tsóng lái máy yǒ)

Not even once.
一次都没有。

Yí chì dōu méi yǒu.
(Í-ts dōh máy yǒ.)

At long last/finally
总算

Zǒng suàn
(Jǒng Swàn)

Forever
永远

Yóng yuǎn
(Yóng yuǎn)



Please fix .... .
请修理…。

Qǐng xiūlǐ.... .
(Chǐng shioū-lǐ.... .)

Of course.
当然。

Dāng rán.
(Dāng rán.)

Convenient.
方便。

Fāng biàn.
(Fāng-bièn)

Not convenient.
不方便。

Bù fāng biàn.
(Bù fāng-bièn.)

Definitely/For sure.
一定。

Yí dìng.
(í-dìng.)

Not definitely/Not necessarily.
不一定。
Bù yí dìng.
(Bù í-dìng.)

It's impossible.
不可能。
Bù kě néng.
(Bù kǔh-núng.)

It's possible.
可能。
Kě néng.
(Kǔh-núng.)

No patience.
没耐心。
Méi nài xīn.
(Máy nài shīn.)

No confidence.
没信心。
Méi xìn xīn.
(Máy shìn shīn.)

Don't worry!
不要担心。
Bú yào dān xīn!
(Bú yòw dān shīn!)

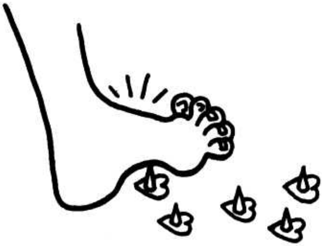
Be happy!
高兴一点。
Gāo xìng yì diǎn!
(Gāu-shìng ì-diěn!)

Happy Birthday!
生日快乐!
Shēng rì kuài lè!
(Shēng rì kwài-lùh!)

Happy
高兴
Gāo xìng
(Gāu-shìng)

Lucky
幸运
Xìng yùn
(Shìng Yuèn)





Unlucky
倒霉

Dǎo méi
(Dǒw-máy)

Unfortunate
不幸

Bú xìng
(Bú shìng)

Getting Acquainted 2

What's your family name? Nín guì xìng?
您贵姓? *(Nín guày shìng?)*

This is a very polite way to ask someone's name and should be said when meeting someone for the first time. *Nín* is an especially polite form of "you," and *guày* means "honorable."

What's your name? Nǐ jiào shén me míng zi?
你叫什么名字? *(Nǐ jiòw shém-mů̀h míng-dż?)*

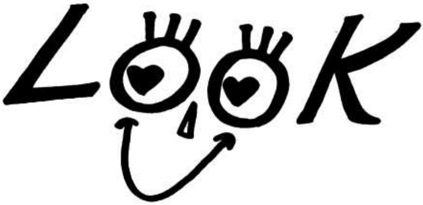
Hi, how's it going? Ní hǎo ma?
你好吗? *(Ní hów må?)*

How are you? Zěn me yàng?
怎么样? *(Dzěm-mů̀h yàng?)*

How have you been lately? Nǐ zuì jìn zěn me yàng?
你最近怎么样? *(Nǐ dzuày jìn dzěm-mů̀h yàng?)*

I'm fine. Wó hén hǎo.
我很好。 *(Wó hún hów.)*

I'm happy. Wó hěn kuài lè.
我很快乐。 *(Wó hún kwài lùh.)*





I feel sad.
我觉得难过。
Wǒ jué de nán guò.
(Wǒ juáy-důh nán-guò.)

I feel tired.
我觉得累。
Wǒ jué de lèi.
(Wǒ juáy-důh lày.)

I've got a headache.
我头疼。
Wǒ tóu téng.
(Wǒ tó túng.)

I feel sick.
我觉得不舒服。
Wǒ jué de bù shū-fu.
(Wǒ juáy důh bù shū-fů.)

I'm sleepy.
我想睡觉。
Wó xiǎng shuì jiào.
(Wó shiǎng shuày-jiòw.)

What have you been up to lately?
最近忙什么?
Zuì jìn máng shén me?
(Dzuày jìn máng shém-můh?)

Long time no see.
好久不见。
Háo jiǔ bú jiàn.
(Hów jioǔ bú-jièn.)

This statement was originally a Chinese expression and has become an English one. It is a literal translation.

My Chinese/English is poor.
我的中文/英文不好。
Wǒ-de zhōng-wén/yīng-wén bù hǎo.
(Wǒ-důh Jōng-wén/īng-wén bù hǒw.)



Please speak in English.
请讲英文。

Qíng jiǎng yīng wén.
(Chíng jiǎng īng-wén.)

Please speak in Chinese.
请讲中文。

Qíng jiǎng zhōng wén.
(Chíng jiǎng Jōng-wén.)

Please speak slower.
请说慢一点。

Qǐng shuō màn yì diǎn.
(Chǐng shuō màn ì-diěn.)

Please say it again.
请再说一遍。

Qǐng zài shuō yí biàn.
(Chǐng zài shuō í-bièn.)

What do you mean?
您的意思是什么?

Nín de yì sì shì shén me?
(Nǐn dů̊h ì-sż shèr shém-mů̊h?)

What do you want to say?
你要说什么?

Nǐ yào shuō shén me?
(Nǐ yòw shuō shém-mů̊h?)

Please come in.
请进。

Qǐng jìn.
(Chǐng jìn.)

Do you want to sit down?
你要坐吗?

Nǐ yào zuò ma?
(Nǐ yòw dzuò må?)

Please sit down.
请坐。

Qǐng zuò.
(Chǐng dzuò.)

May I sit down? Wǒ ké yǐ zuò ma?
我可以坐吗？ *(Wǒ kúh-ǐ dzuò mů?)*

Someone is sitting here. Zhè ge wèi zi yǒu rén zuò.
这个位子有人坐。 *(Jùh gůh wày-dż yǒ rén dzuò.)*

Where are you from? Nǐ cóng nǎ lái de?
你从哪来的？ *(Nǐ tsóng nǎr lái důh?)*

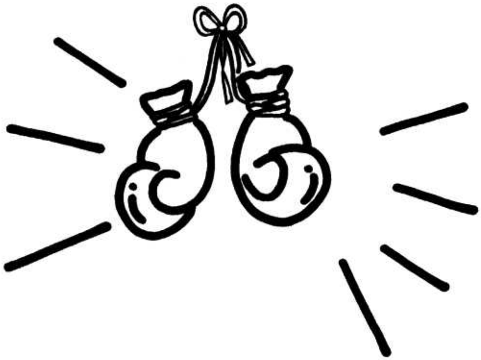
What do you do for a living? Nǐ zuò shén me gōng zuò?
你做什么工作？ *(Nǐ dzuò shém-můh gōng-dzuò?)*

How old are you?
你几岁？ Ní jǐ suì?*
(Ní jǐ swày?)
您多大？ Nín duō dà?**
(Nín duō dàh?)

* For children.
** For adults.

How long have you been here? Ní zài zhè duō jiǔ le?
你在这多久了？ *(Ní dzài jèr duō jǐou lůh?)*

What are you interested in? Nǐ duì shén me yǒu xìng qù?
你对什么有兴趣？ *(Ní dwày shém-můh yǒ shìng-chìu?)*



What's your hobby? 你有什么爱好?	Nǐ yǒu shén me ài hào? *(Ní yǒ shém-mủh ài-hòw?)*
My hobbies are... . 我的爱好是…。	Wǒ de ài hào shì... . *(Wǒ-dủh ài-hòw shèr... .)*
I'm interested in it. 我对这个有兴趣。	Wǒ duì zhè ge yǒu xìng qù. *(Wǒ dwày jùh gủh yǒ shìng-chìu.)*
I'm not interested in it. 我没兴趣。	Wǒ méi xìng qù. *(Wǒ máy shìng-chìu.)*
It means nothing to me. 不算什么。	Bú suàn shén me. *(Bú swàn shém-mủh.)*
I like ... . 我喜欢…。	Wó xǐ huān... . *(Wó shǐ-huān... .)*
I don't like ... 我不喜欢…。	Wǒ bù xǐ huān... . *(Wǒ bù shǐ-huān... .)*
I hate ... . 我讨厌…。	Wó tǎo yàn... . *(Wó tǎu-yèn ... .)*
I loathe ... . 我恨…。	Wǒ hèn... . *(Wǒ hùn... .)*

Very strong statement and is seldom said.

Have you done ... before? 你以前做…过吗?	Ní yǐ qián zuò... guò ma? *(Ní ǐ-chién dzuò... guò mả?)*
What is your religion? 你信什么教?	Nǐ xìn shén me jiào? *(Nǐ shìn shém-mủh jiòw?)*
Buddhist 佛教	Fó jiào *(Fó jiòw)*
Taoist 道教	Dào jiào *(Dòw jiòw)*
Christian 基督教	Jī dū jiào *(Jī-dū jiòw)*

Catholic
天主教
Tiān zhǔ jiào
(Tiēn jǔ jiòw)

Muslim
回教
Huí jiào
(Huáy jiòw)

Atheist
无神论者
Wú shén lùn zhě
(Wú shén luèn jǔh)

No religion
不信教
Bú xìn jiào
(Bú shìn jiòw)

Sleep
睡觉
Shùi jiào
(Shuày jiòw)

This is a common joke as "sleep" sounds like a religion. Notice the ending *jiòw*.

What's your blood type?
你是什么血型?
Nǐ shì shén me xié xíng?
(Nǐ shèr shém-mů̊h shiéh shíng?)

In Asia, this is an important indicator of your personality.

Type A : *Tender, neat, and kind; they make good wives.*

Type B : *Loving, cute, active, and humorous.*

Type O : *Bad tempered, good decision makers; they are typical leaders and are wise; they make good elder brothers.*

Type AB : *Weird geniuses; sometimes thought to be crazy and emotional.*



I'm type A.
我是A型。
Wǒ shì (Ā) xín.
(Wǒ shèr (Ā) shín.)

What's your year sign?
你属什么?
Ní shǔ shén me?
(Ní shǔ shém-mǔh?)

This is concerned with Chinese astrology. Each year is denoted by one of twelve different animals. Your animal-year is supposed to be an indicator of your personality.

My year sign is ...
我属…。
Wó shǔ... .
(Wó shǔ... .)

Mouse
鼠
Shǔ
(shǔ.)

Ox
牛
Niú
(Nioú)

Tiger
虎
Hǔ
(Hǔ.)

Rabbit
兔
Tù
(Tù)

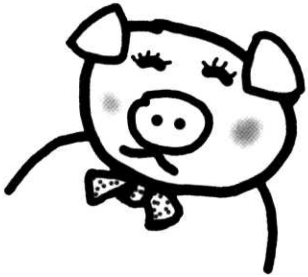
Dragon
龙
Lóng
(Lóng)

Snake
蛇
Shé
(Shúh)

Horse
马
Mǎ
(Mǎ.)

Sheep
羊
Yáng
(Yáng)

Monkey 猴	Hóu *(Hó)*
Rooster 鸡	Jī *(Jī)*
Dog 狗	Gǒu *(Gǒ)*
Pig 猪。	Zhū *(Jū)*



How the system of Chinese Astrology was created

Long, long ago, there was no concept of time. There were no clocks or calendars. People wanted to mark the passing of time but didn't know how. So, they sought advice from the Emperor, known for his wisdom in such matters. He pondered for a considerable time before deigning to offer his learned advice: "Because animals and humans have a close affinity and the names of animals are easily remembered, they should be used to symbolize time. Henceforth, a river crossing race shall be held to determine those animals best suited to signify time".

Thereupon the event was held. All manner of beasts attended. The cat and the mouse, who were good friends, discussed the best manner in which to cross, as neither could swim. They decided to ask the ox to aid them. The ox, being a sincere and kindhearted soul, agreed to carry them across. The race began and the ox, who was by far the best swimmer, emerged in the lead. As they neared the finish line, the cat proudly rose and declared the three of them to be the first to cross the line. But the mouse, a cunning and selfish soul, secretly desired to cross the line first. So he caught the cat unawares and pushed him into the water. He then jumped behind the ox's ear.

The ox, unaware of the commotion, swam on to the finish line. Just as he reached the shore, the mouse leaped forward and ran to victory, quickly followed by the ox, the tiger, *the rabbit [1], the dragon* [**2**], *the snake* [**3**], *the horse* [**3**], *the sheep* [**4**], *the monkey* [**4**], *the cock* [**4**], *the dog* [**4**], *and the pig* [**5**]. The exhausted cat finally scrambled to shore, but the race was already over. The cat was extremely angry at the mouse, and every time they met, the cat would try to bite him. He then reported the mouse's crime to all of his progeny, beginning a feud between the two animals which continues to this very day. The mouse, knowing full-well his sin, skulked away in guilt and spent the rest of his days hiding in dark, sullen places.

[***1***] *The rabbit,* who could not swim, made the crossing by leaping across the other animals' heads. He acquired his peculiarly shaped mouth because he ran too fast, and after crossing the finish line, ran into a tree.

[**2**] *The dragon,* who should have been placed higher in the ranking, had been busy in the heavens creating thunder and lightning. He absent-mindedly made the thunder too loud, which caused him to become fairly deaf. As a consequence, he did not hear the start of the race and had to come from behind to acquire fifth place.

[**3**] *The snake,* in order to defeat the horse, scared him and dashed in front. Unfortunately for him, he ran too fast, causing his four legs to break off, leaving him in his present legless state.

[**4**] *The sheep,* monkey, and rooster had agreed to make the crossing together. They did so by putting the sheep on the shoulders of the monkey, who in turn sat upon the back of the rooster. As they were crossing, the sheep (who was a sort of lookout) saw the dog (who was naughtily bathing in the river) and scolded him severely. The dog continued the race and finished next to last but he didn't really care. The sheep ended up over-straining his eyes and permanently damaged his vision. The monkey, who sat far too long, acquired a permanently red posterior. The rooster, who had been supporting the group, lost two of his original four legs as they were crushed.

[**5**] *The pig* finished last as he decided to finish eating before crossing the river. When he finally made it across, he entreated the Emperor for more food. His gluttony caused him to become the laughing stock of all those present.



Year and Personalities

The animal years repeat every 12 years.

2003: Sheep

Gentle, artistic, peace-loving, sweet-natured, lovable, creative, inventive, amorous, tasteful, intelligent. Insecure, pessimistic, unpunctual, undisciplined, dissatisfied, irresponsible.

2004: Monkey

Merry, enthusiastic, witty, good in business, clever, fascinating, passionate, youthful, very intelligent, inventive. Vain, adolescent, long-winded, unfaithful, untruthful, untrustworthy.

2005: Rooster

Proud, enthusiastic, stylish, popular, lively, amusing, generous, adventurous, industrious, conservative, courageous. Pompous, pedantic, short-sighted, boastful, mistrustful, extravagant.

2006: Dog

Faithful, loyal, noble, modest, devoted, prosperous, courageous, respectable, selfless, dutiful, intelligent. Introverted, cynical, critical, moralizing, stubborn, defensive.

2007: Pig

Scrupulous, loyal, sincere, honest, loving, sociable, sensitive, sensual, truthful, peaceful, intelligent. Naive, Epicurean, insecure, gullible, defenseless, non-competitive, earthy.

2008: Mouse

Aggressive, energetic, jolly, charming, sociable, humorous, generous, intellectual, sentimental, honest, persistent. Greedy, small-minded, power-hungry, destructive, suspicious, tiresome, likes to gamble.

2009: Ox

Hard-working, lonely, leaders, strong, proud, reserved, methodical, original, eloquent, patient, silent. Rigid, bad losers, authoritarian, conventional, jealous, stubborn, slow.

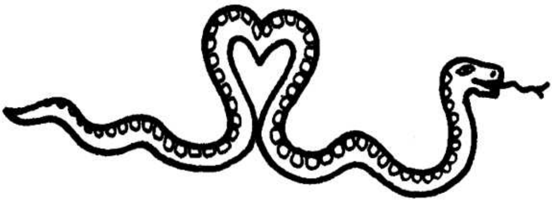
2010: Tiger

Smiling, magnetic, lucky, strong, honorable, good leaders, liberal-minded, courageous, generous, passionate. Vain, rash, disobedient, undisciplined, argumentative, rebellious.

2011: Rabbit
Cautious, clever, hospitable, sociable, friendly, sensitive, ambitious, careful, private. Timid, thin-skinned, old-fashioned, hypochondriac, squeamish.

2012: Dragon
Showy, artistic, enthusiastic, lucky, healthy, generous, sentimental, successful, independent. Demanding, irritable, loudmouthed, stubborn, discontented, and willful. The dragon is the symbol of the emperor.

2013: Snake
Wise, sympathetic, lucky, sophisticated, calm, decisive, attractive, philosophical, elegant, compassionate. Lazy, possessive, tight-fisted, bad losers, changeable, vengeful, extravagant.



2014: Horse
Gifted, athletic, charming, quick-witted, hard-working, entertaining, powerful, skillful, cheerful, eloquent, independent. Weak, unfeeling, hot-headed, selfish, ruthless, tactless, impatient, rebellious.

What's your astrological sign? 你是什么星座?	Nǐ shì shén me xīng zuò? *(Nǐ shèr shém-mǔh shīng dzuò?)*
Aries 白羊座	Bái yáng zuò *(Bái-yáng dzuò)*

Taurus Jīn niú zuò
金牛座 *(Jīn-nioú dzuò)*

Gemini Shuāng zī zuò
双子座 *(Shuāng-dī dzuò)*

Cancer Jù xiè zuò
巨蟹座 *(Jiù-shièh dzuò)*

Leo Shī zi zuò
狮子座 *(Shēr-dż dzuò)*

Virgo Chù nǔ zuò
处女座 *(Chù-nǐu dzuò)*

Libra Tiān píng zuò
天平座 *(Tiēn-píng dzuò)*

Scorpio Tiān xiē zuò
天蝎座 *(Tiēn-shiēh dzuò)*

Sagittarius Shè shǒu zuò
射手座 *(Shùh-shǒu dzuò)*

Capricorn Mó xiē zuò
摩蝎座 *(Muó-shiēh dzuò)*

Aquarius Shǔi píng zuò
水瓶座 *(Shuǎy-píng dzuò)*

Pisces Shuāng yú zuò
双鱼座 *(Shuāng-yíu dzuò)*

Do you believe it? Nǐ xiāng xìn ma?
你相信吗? *(Nǐ shiāng shìn må?)*

It might be true. Kě néng shì zhēn de.
可能是真的。 *(Kǔh núng shèr jēn-dův.)*

I believe it! Wǒ xiāng xìn!
我相信! *(Wǒ shiāng-shìn!)*

I don't believe it!
我不相信!

Wǒ bù xiāng xìn!
(Wǒ bù shiāng-shìn!)

Really?
真的吗?

Zhēn de ma?
(Jēn-dǔh mǎ?)

That's a lie!
那是谎话!

Nà shì huǎng huà!
(Nàh shèr hwǎng-hwàh!)

You lied!
你说慌!

Nǐ shuō huǎng!
(Nǐ shuō hwǎng!)



Tell the truth!
说真的!

Shuō zhēn de!
(Shuō jēn-dǔh!)

How do you know?
你怎么知道?

Ní zěn me zhī dào?
(Ní dzēm-mǔh jēr dòw?)

Who said it?
谁说的?

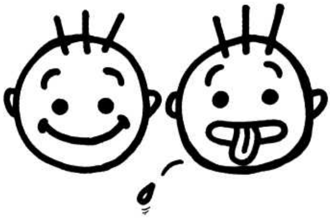
Shuí shuō de?
(Sháy shuō dǔh?)

I know that person.
我认识那个人。

Wǒ rèn shi nà gè rén.
(Wǒ rèn-shèr nàh gǔh rén.)

I know him/her.
我认识他／她。

Wǒ rèn shi tā
(Wǒ rèn-shèr tā)



It depends. 看情形。	Kàn qíng xíng. *(Kàn chíng-shíng.)*
I agree with you. 我同意。	Wǒ tóng yì. *(Wǒ tóng-ì.)*
I don't agree with you. 我不同意。	Wǒ bù tóng yì. *(Wǒ bù tóng-ì.)*
I didn't think of that. 我没想到。	Wǒ méi xiǎng dào. *(Wǒ máy shiāng dòw.)*
I didn't consider that. 我没考虑过。	Wǒ méi kǎo lǜ guò. *(Wǒ máy kǎu-lǐu gò.)*
I figured that. 我就知道。	Wǒ jiù zhī dào. *(Wǒ jiòu jēr dòw.)*
Our thoughts are the same. 我们的想法相同。	Wǒ men de xiáng fǎ xiāng tóng. *(Wǒ -mẻn dủh shiáng-fǎh shiāng-tóng.)*
Do you care? 你在乎吗?	Nǐ zài hū ma? *(Nǐ zài-hū mả?)*
Do you care about ... ? 你在乎…吗?	Nǐ zài hū… ma? *(Nǐ zài-hū… mả?)*
I don't care. 我不在乎。	Wǒ bú zài hū. *(Wǒ bú zài-hū.)*

Who cares? 谁在乎？	Shúi zài hū? *(Sháy zài-hū?)*
Either is fine. 都可以。	Dōu ké yǐ. *(Dō kúh-ǐ.)*
No problem. 没问题。	Méi wèn tí. *(Máy wèn-tí.)*
It doesn't matter. 没关系。	Méi guān xi. *(Máy guān-shi.)*
Go for it! 去做吧！	Qù zuò ba! *(Chìu dzuò bå!)*
I've got an idea. 我有办法。	Wó yǒu bàn fa. *(Wó yǒ bàn-fåh.)*
What way? 什么办法？	Shén me bàn fa? *(Shém-mŭh bàn-fåh?)*
There's no way you can do it! 你没办法！	Nǐ méi bàn fa! *(Nǐ máy bàn-fåh!)*
It can't be helped. 没办法。	Méi bàn fa. *(Máy bàn-fåh.)*



Why did you do that? 你为什么这么做?	Nǐ wèi shén me zhè-me zuò? *(Nǐ wày shém-mů̊h dzèm-mů̊h dzuò?)*
Let's start it. 开始吧。	Kāi shǐ ba. *(Kāi-shěr bå.)*
Finished? 做好了吗?	Zuò hǎo le ma? *(Dzuò hǒw lůh må?)*
Finished. 做好了。	Zuò hǎo le. *(Dzuò hǒw lůh.)*
Do you have free time? 有空吗?	Yǒu kòng ma? *(Yǒ kòng må?)*
Would you like to go (to) … ? 你想去…?	Ní xiǎng qù… ? *(Ní shiǎng chìu… ?)*
Bar/Pub 酒吧	Jiǔ bā *(Jioǔ-bā)*
Restaurant 餐厅 饭店	Cān tīng *(Tsān-tīng)* Fàn diàn *(Fàn-dièn)*





Park
公园

Gōng yuán
(Gōng-yuén)

Jogging
慢跑

Màn pǎo
(Màn pǒw)

Swimming
游泳

Yóu yǒng
(Yó-yǒng)

Movie
电影

Diàn yǐng
(Dièn-ǐng)

Let's go see a movie!
我们去看电影！

Wǒ men qù kàn diàn yǐng!
(Wǒ-měn chìu kàn dièn-ǐng!)

Have you seen ... before?
你看过…吗？

Nǐ kàn guò… ma?
(Nǐ kàn guò… må?)

Two tickets please.
请给我两张票。

Qǐng géi wǒ liǎng zhāng piào.
(Chǐng gáy wǒ liǎng jāng piòw.)

What kind of movie would you like to see?
你喜欢看什么电影？

Ní xǐ huān kàn shén me diàn yǐng?
(Ní shǐ-huān kàn shèm-můh dièn-ǐng?)

Science fiction
科幻片

Kē huàn piàn
(Kūh-huàn pièn)

Comedy Xǐ jù piàn
喜剧片 *Shǐ-jìu pièn)*

Romance Yán qíng piàn
言情片 *(Yán-chíng pièn)*

Horror Kǒng bù piàn
恐怖片 *(Kǒng-bù pièn)*

Ghost. Guǐ guài piàn
鬼怪片 *(Guǎy-guài pièn)*

Adventure Dòng zuò piàn
动作片 *(Dòng-dzuò pièn)*

Gangster Jíng fěi piàn
警匪片 *(Jíng-fěi pièn)*

Mystery Shén guài piàn.
神怪片 *(Shùn-guài pièn)*

Western Xī bù piàn
西部片 *(Shī-bù pièn)*

X-rated Sè qíng piàn
色情片 *(Sùh chíng pièn)*

American movie Ōu měi diàn yǐng)
欧美电影 *(Ōu-měi dièn-ǐng)*



Chinese movie
中国电影

Zhōng guó diàn yìng
(Jōng-guó dièn-ǐng)

Good idea.
好主意。

Hǎo zhú yi.
(Hǒw jú-i.)



Let me think it over.
让我想一下。

Ràng wó xiǎng yí xià.
(Ràng wó shiǎng í-shiàh.)

Have you decided yet?
你决定了吗?

Nǐ jué dìng le ma?
(Nǐ juáy-dìng lůh må?)

It's up to you.
随便你。

Suí biàn nǐ.
(Swáy-bièn nǐ.)

You decide.
你决定。

Nǐ jué dìng.
(Nǐ juáy-dìng.)

When can you ... ?
你什么时候可以…?

Nǐ shén me shí hòu ké yǐ... ?
(Nǐ shém-muh shé-hò kúh-r... ?)

Come
来

Lái
(Lái)

Go
去

Qù
(Chìu)

Do it
做

Zuò
(Dzuò)

Do you want to go?
你想去吗?
Ní xiǎng qù ma?
(Ní shiǎng chìu må?)

I can't go.
我不能去。
Wǒ bù néng qù.
(Wǒ bù núng chìu.)

Are you ready?
你好了没有?
Ní hǎo le méi yǒu?
(Ní hǒw lůh máy yǒ?)

Ready
好了
Hǎo le
(Hǒw lůh)

Not yet.
还没。
Hái méi.
(Hái máy.)

Meet me at ...
我们在…见。
Wǒ men zài… jiàn.
(Wǒ-měn zài… jièn.)

I'll wait for you.
我等你。
Wǒ déng nǐ.
(Wǒ dúng nǐ.)

I won't leave until you come.
不见不散。
Bù jiàn bù sàn.
(Bù jièn bù sàn.)

Please don't stand me up!
请不要让我白等!
Qǐng bù yào ràng wǒ bái děng!
(Chíng bù yòw ràng wǒ bái dǔng!)

Let's go!
我们走吧!
Wǒ men zǒu ba!
(Wǒ-měn zǒ bå!)

Please give me a ride to ... .
请送我去…。
Qǐng lā wǒ qù… .
(Chǐng sòng wǒ chìu… .)

Can you come here?
你可以来这里吗?
Nǐ ké yǐ lái zhè lǐ ma?
(Nǐ kúh-ǐ lái jùh-lǐ må?)

Where do you live?
你住哪儿?
Nǐ zhù nǎ ér?
(Nǐ jù nǎr?)

What's your address?
你的地址是什么?
Nǐ de dì zhǐ shì shén me?
(Nǐ dǔh dì-jěr shèr shém-mǔh?)

Please write it down.
请写下来。
Qíng xiě xià lái.
(Chíng shiěh shiàh lái.)

I'll see you home.
我送你回家。
Wǒ sòng nǐ huí jiā.
(Wǒ sòng nǐ hwáy jiāh.)

Watch your step.
慢走。
Màn zǒu.
(Màn zǒ.)
Literally means "walk slowly" and is commonly used. The response is *hwày jièn.*

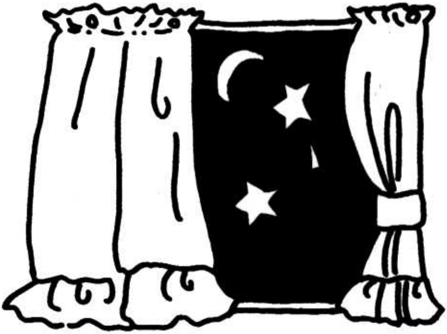


I'll write you a letter.
我会写信给你。
Wǒ huì xiě xìn géi nǐ.
(Wǒ hwày shiěh shìn gáy nǐ.)

If you have free time, let's get together.
有空见。
Yǒu kòng jiàn.
(Yǒ kòng jièn.)

I'll leave first.
我先走。
Wǒ xiān zǒu.
(Wǒ shiēn zǒ.)

See you in a while.
回头见。
Huí tóu jiàn.
(Hwáy tó jièn.)



See you later.
改天见。

Gǎi tiān jiàn.
(Gǎi tiēn jièn.)

See you tomorrow.
明天见。

Míng tiān jiàn.
(Míng-tiēn jièn.)

See you tonight.
晚上见。

Wǎn shang jiàn.
(Wǎn-shǎng jièn.)

Come back sometime!
再来。

Zài lái!
(Zài lái!)

Good bye.
再见。

Zài jiàn.
(Zài-jièn.)

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Bullshit! Fèi huà!
废话! *(Fày-hwàh!)*

Talk nonsense! Luàn jiǎng!
乱讲! *(Luàn-jiǎng!)*

To brag Chuī niú
吹牛 *(Chuāy nioú)*

To flatter Pāi mǎ pì.
拍马屁。 *(Pāi mǎ pì.)*
Literally means "to pat the horse's rear end."

Everyday spoken Chinese. Pǔ tōng huà.
普通话。 *(Pǔ-tōng hwàh.)*
This literally means "common" language.

Weird, bizarre, strange. Qí guài.
奇怪。 *(Chée-guài.)*

I'm sick of ... . Wó tǎo yàn... .
我讨厌…。 *(Wó tǎu yèn... .)*

Boring Wú liáo
无聊 *(Wú-liów)*

To be cheated/ripped off. Bèi piàn.
被骗。 *(Bày pièn.)*

To be at a disadvantage, suffer a loss. Chī kuī.
吃亏。 *(Chēr kwāy.)*

Don't let others cheat you! Bié shàng dàng.
别上当。 *(Biéh shàng dàng!)*

That really makes me laugh! Zhēn hǎo xiào!
真好笑! *(Jēn hǒw shiàu!)*

Is it fun? Hǎo wán ma?
好玩吗? *(Hǒw wán må?)*

Is it funny? Hǎo xiào ma?
好笑吗? *(Hǒw shiàu må?)*

What are you laughing at? Xiào shén me?
笑什么? *(Shiàu shém-mů̊h?)*

That's really interesting! Yǒu yì si!
有意思! *(Yǒ ì-s-ż!)*

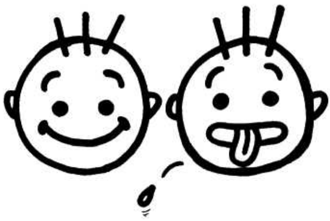
Go on (continue). Jì xù.
继续。 *(Jì-shìu.)*

And then? Rán hòu ne?
然后呢? *(Rán hò nůh?)*

Bizarre Qí yì
奇异 *(Chée yì)*

Frighteningly ugly person! Kě bù!
可怖。 *(Kǔh bù!)*

This is a contraction of two Chinese words – *kěh pà* meaning "frightening" and *kǒng bù* meaning "horrible".



Who farted?
谁放屁了?

Shuí fàng pì le?
(Sháy fàng-pì lůh?)

Guess!
猜猜看。

Cāi cāi kàn!
(Tsāi tsāi kàn!)

You did!
就是你。

Jiù shì nǐ!
(Jioù shèr nǐ!)



Embarrassed.
不好意思。

Bù hǎo yì si.
(Bù hǒw ì-sź.)

Damn it! (I screwed up)
糟了。

Zāo le!
(Zōw lůh!)

I can't stand ... !
我受不了…!

Wǒ shòu bu liǎo... !
(Wǒ shòu bů-liǒw... !)

Behaving mysteriously.
神秘兮兮。

Shén mì xī xī.
(Shén mì shī shī.)

Person with a jovial face.
笑嘻嘻。

Xiào xī xī.
(Shiàu shī shī.)

A sulky expression.
苦瓜脸。

Kǔ guā liǎn.
(Kǔ-guāh liǎn.)

A wry smile.
苦笑。

Kǔ xiào
(Kǔ shiàu)

Leader
大哥大 Dà gē dà
(Dà-gūh dà)*
大姐大 Dà jiě dà
*(Dà-jiěh dà**)*

* Male; literally means "big brother;" it's also used for Mafia bosses and cordless telephones.

** Female; literally means "big sister."

Boss
老板 Láu bǎn
(Láu běn)

How pitiful!
真可怜! Zhēn kě lián!
(Jūn kǔh-lién!)

Used to describe people.

What a waste!
真可惜! Zhēn kě xī!
(Jūn kǔh-shī!)

Used to describe things.

Tenderfoot
新手 Xīn shǒu
(Shīn shǒu)

Experienced person
老手 Láo shǒu
(Láu shǒu)

Person who loves to show off.
爱出风头。 Ài chū fēng tóu.
(Ài chū fōng tó.)

Good, kind person.
好好先生 Háo hǎo xiān shēng.
(Hów hǒw shiēn shūng.)

Person who has many talents.
有两下子。 Yóu liǎng xià zi.
(Yó liáng shiàh dź.)

Shocking!
吓人! Xià rén!
(Shiàh rén!)

Outlandish clothes
奇装异服 Qí zhuāng yì fú
(Chée juāng ì fú)

Foreign ghost/devil
洋鬼子
Yáng guǐ zi
(Yáng guǎy-dź)
Usually used to refer to Western Caucasians.

Foreigner
外国人
Wài guó rén
(Wài-guó-rén)

Yankee
洋人
Yáng rén
(Yáng-rén)

Black person
黑人
Hēi rén
(Hāy-rén)

Red person
棕色人
Zōng sè rén
(Jōng-sùh-rén)

White person
白人
Bái rén
(Bái-rén)

It's a good thing that....
还好…。
Hái hǎo… .)
(Hái hǒw… .)

Don't be like that!
别这样。
Bié zhè yàng.
(Biéh jùh yàng!)

Awesome!/Fierce!
厉害。
Lì hài!
(Lì-hài!)
This is a commonly used phrase and well worth remembering.



Say it again.
再说一遍。

Zài shuō yí biàn.
(Zài shuō í-bièn.)

A liar's true intent.
真像。

Zhēn xiàng.
(Jūn shiàng.)

Don't waste your energy doing useless things.
省省吧。

Shéng shěng ba!
(Shúng shǔng bå!)

As if!
才怪!

Cái guài!
(Tsái guài!)



Junior high school girl!
黄毛丫头!

Huáng máo yā tóu!
(Huáng máu yāh-tó!)

That hurts!
很痛!

Hěn tòng!
(Hǔn tòng!)

I'm not sure.
我不确定.

Wǒ bú què dìng.
(Wǒ bú chuày dìng.)

He/She/It's gone!
他 / 她 / 它走了!

Tā zǒu le!
(Tā zǒ lůh!)

There's so many people! Hǎo duō rén!
好多人。 *(Hǒw duō rén!)*

Hide. Duó qǐ lái
躲起来 *(Duó chěe lái)*

Lively, exciting, good time. Rè nào.
热闹! *(Rèr-nòw.)*

Too early! Tài zǎo!
太早。 *(Tài zǒw!)*

Too late! Tài wǎn!
太晚。 *(Tài wǎn!)*

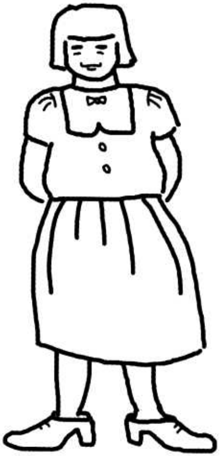
Late Chí dào le
迟到了 *(Chér-dòw lůh)*

No-one's there. Nà méi rén ér.
那没人儿。 *(Nàr máy rén.)*

Too much! Tài duō le!
太多了。 *(Tài duō lůh!)*

Too little! Tài shǎo le!
太少了。 *(Tài shǎu lůh!)*





He/She/It came back.
他／她／它又来了。

Tā yòu lái le.
(Tā yò lái lůh.)

Embarrassed to death.
羞死人了。

Xiū sǐ rén le.
(Shioū sž rén lůh.)

Old-fashioned.
老土。

Láo tǔ.
(Lów tǔ.)

To have fallen out of style.
落伍了。

Luò wǔ le.
(Luò wǔ. lůh.)

Exaggeration.
夸张。

Kuā zhāng.
(Kuāh jiāng.)

Too exaggerated.
太夸张了。
Tài kuā zhāng le.
(Tài kuāh jiāng lůh.)

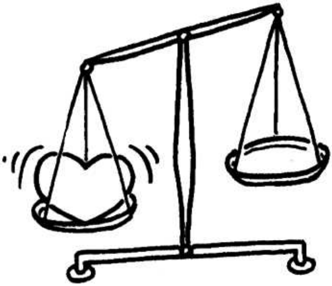
The difference is too great!
差远了!
Chà yuǎn le!
(Chà yuěn lůh!)

You're kidding!
开玩笑!
Kāi wán xiào!
(Kāi wán-shiàu!)

Over-exerted
昏了头
Hūn le tóu
(Huēn lůh tó)

To have done so much that you're going crazy.

Workaholic
工作狂
Gōng zuò kuáng.
(Gōng-dzùo kuáng.)



Eat, Drink, Be Merry! 4

Are you hungry?
你饿了吗？
Nǐ è le ma?
(Nǐ èr lůh må?)

I'm starving!
我饿死了
Wǒ è sǐ le!
(Wǒ èr sż lůh!)

I'm hungry.
我肚子饿了。
Wǒ dù zi è le.
(Wǒ dù-dż èr lůh.)
Literally means "my stomach is hungry."

No, I'm not.
我不饿。
Wǒ bú è.
(Wǒ bú èr.)

I'm not very hungry.
我不太饿。
Wǒ bú tài è.
(Wǒ bú tài èr.)

I want to eat.
我想吃。
Wó xiǎng chī.
(Wó shiǎng chēr.)

I don't want to eat.
我不想吃。
Wǒ bù xiǎng chī.
(Wǒ bù shiǎng chēr.)

Are you thirsty?
你渴吗？
Ní kě ma?
(Ní kǔh må?)

I'm thirsty.
我渴了。
Wó kě le.
(Wó kǔh lůh.)

I'm not thirsty.
我不渴。
Wǒ bù kě.
(Wǒ bù kǔh.)

I'm not very thirsty.
我不太渴。
Wǒ bú tài kě.
(Wǒ bú tài kǔh.)

I don't want to drink.
我不想喝。

Wó bù xiǎng hē.
(Wó bù shiǎng hūh.)

I want to drink.
我想喝。

Wǒ xiǎng hē.
(Wǒ shiǎng hūh.)

Have you ordered?
你点菜了吗?

Nǐ diǎn cài le ma?
(Nǐ diěn tsài lůh må?)

Waiter
先生

Xiān sheng
(Shiēn shūng)

Alternatively, *xiān sheng* means "Mister."

Waitress
小姐

Xiáo jiě
*(Shiáu jiěh**)*

Alternatively, *xiǎo jie* means "Miss."

Menu please.
请给我菜单。

Qǐng géi wǒ cài dān.
(Chíng gáy wǎ tsài-dān.)

I'll order for us.
我来点菜。

Wǒ lái diǎn cài.
(Wǒ lái diěn tsài.)

Would you like a drink?
你想喝饮料吗?

Ní xiǎng hē yǐng liào ma?
(Ní shiǎng hūh ǐng-liàu må?)

Are you drunk?
你醉了吗?

Nǐ zuì le ma?
(Nǐ dzuày-lůh må?)





I'm drunk.
我醉了。
Wǒ zuì le.
(Wǒ dzuày lůh.)

Drink more!
多喝一点。
Duō hē yì diǎn.
(Duō hūh ì-diěn.)

A polite way to refuse is to say *suáy-ì.*

I drank too much.
我喝得太多了。
Wǒ hē de tài duō le
(Wǒ hūh-důh tài duō lůh.)

Don't drink so much!
少喝点儿。
Shǎo hē diǎn ér!
(Shǎu hūh diěn!)

Hangover.
宿醉。
Sù zuì
(Sù dzuày)

It smells delicious!
闻起来很香。
Wén qǐ lái hěn xiāng
(Wén chǐ-lái hǔn shiāng!)

It looks delicious!
看起来很好吃。
Kàn qǐ lái hén hǎo chī.
(Kàn chǐ-lái hún hǒw chēr!)

Let's start eating!
开吃了。
Kāi chī le!
(Kāi-chēr lůh!)

Help yourself.
自己来。
Zì jǐ lái.
(Dzì-jǐ lái.)

This is delicious.
这个很好吃。
Zhè ge hén hǎo chī.
(Jùh-gůh hǔn hǒw chēr.)

Try eating some.
吃吃看。
Chī chī kàn.
(Chēr chēr kàn.)

I don't like it very much.
我不太喜欢。
Wǒ bú tài xǐ huān.
(Wǒ bú tài shǐ-huān.)

What would you like to drink?
你想喝点什么？
Ní xiǎng hē diǎn shén me?
(Ní shiǎng hūh diěn shém-můh?)

Beer
啤酒
Pí jiǔ
(Pí-jioǔ)

Wine, whiskey, etc
酒
Jiǔ
(Jioǔ)

Coffee
咖啡
Kā fēi
(Kāh-fāy)

Juice
果汁
Guǒ zhī
(Guǒ jēr)

Soda
汽水
Qì shuǐ
(Chèe shuǎy)

Water
开水
Kāi shuǐ
(Kai shuǎy)
Literally means "boiled water."

This is for me.
这是我的。
Zhè shì wǒ de.
(Zhè shèr wǒ dům.)

This is for him/her.
这是他／她的。
Zhè shì tā de.
(Zhè shèr tā dům.)

I want to order the dish that he's having.
我点跟他一样的菜。

Wó diǎn gēn tā yí yàng de cài.
(Wó diěn gūn tā í-yàng dǔh tsài.)

It's expensive.
很贵。

Hěn guì.
(Hǔn guày.)

It's cheap.
很便宜。

Hěn pián yì.
(Hǔn pién-i.)

Cheers!
干杯。

Gān bēi.
(Gān bāy!)

Means "dry your cup."

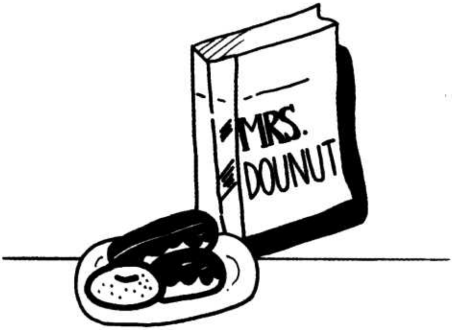
This is awful.
这个难吃死了。

Zhè gè nán chī sǐ le.
(Jùh-gǔh nán chēr sž lǔh.)

Sǐ means "death," and the implication is that the food is so bad it will kill you.

Eat more!
多吃点儿。

Duō chī diǎn ér.
(Duō chēr diěn!)



Please give me a little more.
请给我多一点。

Qǐng géi wǒ duō yì diǎn.
(Chǐng gáy wǒ duō ì-diěn.)

Are you full?
你吃饱了吗?

Nǐ chī bǎo le ma?
(Nǐ chēr bǎu lůh må?)

Sometimes said as a friendly greeting.

I'm full.
我饱了。

Wó bǎo le.
(Wó bǎu lůh.)

I'm not full.
我还没饱。

Wǒ hái méi bǎo.
(Wǒ hái máy bǎu.)

I ate too much.
我吃的太多了。

Wǒ chī de tài duō le.
(Wǒ chēr-důh tài duō lůh.)

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I hate you!
我讨厌你!
Wó tǎo yàn nǐ!
(Wó tǎu-yèn nǐ!)

I loathe you!
我恨你!
Wǒ hèn nǐ!
(Wǒ hùn nǐ!)
Very strong statement and is seldom used.

I'll kill you!
我要杀了你!
Wǒ yào shā le nǐ!
(Wǒ yòw shāh-lůh nǐ!)

You've gone too far!
太过分了!
Tài guò fèn le!
(Tài guò fèn lůh!)

Shut up!
住口!
Zhù kǒu!
(Jù kǒ!)

Don't speak!
别说了!
Bié shuō le!
(Biéh shuō lůh!)

Listen to me!
听我说!
Tīng wǒ shuō!
(Tīng wǒ shuō!)

Get the hell out of here!
滚出去!
Gǔn chū qù!
(Gwěn chū chìu!)
Literally means "roll away."

I'm a bit angry (pissed off)!
我有一点火大!
Wó yǒu yì diǎn huǒ dà!
(Wó yǒ ì-dién huǒ dàh!)

What do you do for a living?
你做什么工作?
Nǐ zuò shén me gōng zuò?
(Nǐ dzòu shém-můh gōng-dzòu?)

I'm mad as hell!
我火大了!
Wó huǒ dà le!
(Wó huǒ dàh lůh!)

Calm down! Lěng jìng yì diǎn!
冷静一点。 *(Lěng-jìng ì-diěn!)*

What the hell are you doing? Gàn shén me?
干什么? *(Gàn shém-můh?)*

Have you finished speaking yet? Shuō wán le méi yǒu?
说完了没有? *(Shuō wán lůh máy yǒ?)*

It's none of your business! Méi nǐ de shì.
没你的事! *(Máy nǐ-důh shèr!)*

Damn it! Gāi sǐ!
该死! *(Gāi sž!)*

Don't complain! Bù yào bào yuàn!
不要抱怨! *(Bù yòw bàu-yuèn!)*

Stop screwing around! Bié nào le!
别闹了! *(Biéh nòw lůh!)*

You deserve it! Huó gāi!
活该! *(Huó-gāi!)*



Leave me alone! 不要管我!	Bù yào guán wǒ! *(Bù yòw guán wǒ!)*
Don't bother me! 别烦我!	Bié fán wǒ! *(Biéh fán wǒ!)*
Stop bothering me! 饶了我!	Ráo le wǒ! *(Ráu lůh wǒ!)*
Nagging person. 罗嗦。	Luō suo. *(Luō-sůo.)*
Person who is always criticizing and nagging others. 唠叨。	Láo dāo. *(Láu-dōw.)*
Be polite! 客气点!	Kè qì diǎn! *(Kùh-chèe diěn!)*
The noise is killing me! 吵死人了!	Cháo sǐ rén le! *(Tsáu sž rén lůh!)*
Don't come to find me! 别找我!	Bié zháo wǒ! *(Biéh jów wǒ!)*
Forget it! 算了吧!	Suàn le ba! *(Swàn lůh bå!)*
Who do you think you are? 你算老几?	Nǐ suàn láo jǐ? *(Nǐ swàn láu-jǐ?)*
You don't know your own shortcomings! 马不知脸长，猴子不知屁股红!	Mǎ bù zhī liǎn cháng, hóu zi bù zhī pì gu hóng! *(Mǎ bù jēr liěn cháng, hó-dż bù jēr pì-gů hóng!)*

Literally means "A horse doesn't know his face is long; a monkey doesn't know his ass is red."

Stuck up, arrogant person. 好拽。	Hào zhuǎi. *(Hòw juǎi)*

You're a … ! 你是个…!	Nǐ shì ge… ! *(Nǐ shèr gůh… !)*
No, you're a … ! 你才是个…!	Nǐ cái shì ge… ! *(Nǐ tsái shèr gůh… !)*
Good-for-nothing person. 孬种。	Nāo zhǒng. *(Nōw-jǒng.)*
You're nothing. 你不是东西。	Nǐ bú shì dōng xi. *(Nǐ bù shèr dōng-shi.)*
Stupid 笨蛋	Bèn dàn *(Bùn dàn)*
Pretending to be ignorant 装蒜。	Zhuāng suàn. *(Juāng swàn.)*
Crazy person. 疯子	Fēng zi *(Fōng-tż)*
Crazy 神经病	Shén jīng bìng *(Shén jīng bìn)*
Sick 有病	Yǒu bìng *(Yǒ bìng)*



Not normal
不正常

Bú zhèng cháng
(Bú jèng-cháng)

Day-dreaming
做白日梦

Zuò bái rì mèng
(Dzuò bái-rèr-mòng)

Dreaming
发呆
做梦

Fā dāi
(Fāh dāi)
Zuò mèng
(Dzuò mòng)



You're screwed up.
有毛病。

Yǒu máo bìng.
(Yǒ máu-bìng.)

This means that something is OK sometimes and at other times not; for example, a broken-down machine.

Weird
奇怪

Qí guài
(Chée-guài)

This is too weird.
莫名其妙。

Mò míng qí miào.
(Muò míng chée miòw.)

Weird guy
怪才

Guài cái
(Guài tsāi)

Horny guy Sè láng
色狼 *(Sùh-láng)*
Literally means "colored wolf."

Perverted Biàn tài
变态 *(Bièn-tài)*
A person who is mentally ill.

Pig Zhū bā jiè
猪八戒 *(Jū-bā jièh)*
Women's talk—for someone you can't stand.

Fat person Qì yóu tǒng
汽油桶 *(Chèe-yó-tǒng)*

Loves to eat. Chī huò.
吃货。 *(Chēr huò.)*

Skinny (like a monkey). Shòu pí hóu.
瘦皮猴。 *(Shòu-pí-hó.)*

Skinny (like a stick). Chái huo gùn.
柴火棍。 *(Qái-huo gwèn.)*

Fat-legged woman Luó bo tuǐ.
萝卜腿。 *(Luó-buo twǎy.)*
A woman who has legs that look like carrots.

Moron Bái chī
白痴 *(Bái-chēr)*



Electrical shortage in the brain. 短路。	Duǎn lù. *(Duǎn-lù.)*
IQ of zero 弱智	Ruò zhì *(Ruò-jèr)*
Bimbo 二百五	Èr bái wǔ *(Èr bái wǔ)*
Busybody (female) 三八	Sān bā *(Sān-bā)*
A simple soul 四九	Sì jiǔ. *(Sì-jioǔ)*

A person who simply passes messages to others without considering if they're right or wrong.

Stingy 吝啬	Lìn sè *(Lìn-sùh)*
Big mouth 大嘴巴	Dà zuǐ bā *(Dàh dzuǎy-bā)*
To shoot one's mouth off. 多嘴。	Duō zuǐ. *(Duō dzuǎy.)*
Gossip, blabbermouth 长舌妇 长舌男	Cháng shé fù* *(Cháng-shùh-fù)* Cháng shé nán *(Cháng-shùh-nán**)*

* For a woman.
** For a man.

Useless person 废物	Fèi wu *(Fày- wů)*
Bad guy *(will do anything for money)* 混混	Hùn hun *(Huèn-hůen)*

A person who will do anything for money.



Monster Guài wù
怪物 *(Guài wù)*

Bad teenager Xiǎo tài bǎo
小太保 *(Shiǎu-tài-bǎu)*
小太妹 Xiǎo tài mèi
(Shiǎu-tài-mày)*

* For a girl.

Narrow-minded Xiǎo xīn yǎn
小心眼 *(Shiǎu shīn-yiěn)*

Disgusting Ě xīn
恶心 *(Ěr-shīn)*

Very mean Hěn xiōng
很凶 *(Hǔn shiōng)*

You're cold-hearted. Méi liáng xīn.
没良心。 *(Máy liáng-shīn.)*

A heartless lover. Bó qíng láng.
薄情郎。 *(Buó chíng-láng.)*
Women's insult intended for a man.

Cold-blooded animal. Léng xuě dòng wù.
冷血动物。 *(Lúng shuěh dòng wù.)*

Extremely ugly Chǒu bá guài
丑八怪 *(Tsǒu bā-guài)*

You should look in the mirror.
也不照照镜子。
Yě bú zhào zhào jìng zi.
(Yiěh bú jòw-jòw jìn-tż.)

Old man
老先生
Lǎo xiān shēng
(Lǎu shiān shūng)

Old woman
老太太
Lǎo tài tài
(Lǎu-tài-tài)

Homosexual
同性恋
Tóng xìng liàn
(Tóng shìng lièn)

Coward
胆小鬼
Dán xiáo guǐ
(Dán shiáu-guǎy)

Miser
小气鬼
Xiǎo qì guǐ
(Shiǎu-chèe-guǎy)

Lazy person
懒虫
Lǎn chóng
(Lǎn chóng)

Person who never expresses his feelings.
自闭症。
Zì bì zhèng.
(Dzì bì jèn.)

Unappreciative person
不知好歹。
Bù zhī hǎo dǎi.
(Bù jēr hów-dǎi.)
A person who can't tell when others treat him well.

Rash, reckless person.
不知死活。
Bù zhī sǐ huó.
(Bù jēr sž huó.)

Your conscience bothers you.
心里有鬼。
Xīn lǐ yóu guǐ.
(Shīn-lǐ yó guǎy.)
When you know that you've done something wrong.

Inside you know the truth
心里有数。
Xīn lǐ yǒu shù.
(Shīn-lǐ yó shù.)
When you know what you should rightfully do.

I never want to see you again.
我再也不要看到你。
Wǒ zài yě bù yào kàn dào nǐ.
(Wǒ zài yiěh bù yòw kàn dòw nǐ.)

I'm leaving!
我要走了!
Wǒ yào zǒu le.
(Wǒ yòw zǒ lůh!)



Screw you!
去你的!
Qù nǐ de.
(Chìu nǐ důh!)

Fuck you!
他妈的!
Tā mā de!
(Tā mā då!)

Fuck your mother!
操你妈!
Cào nǐ mā.
(Tsàu nǐ mā!)

Bitch!
泼妇!
Pō fù!
(Poā fòo!)

Whore!
婊子!
Biǎo zi.
(Biǒw-tzǐ!)

Bastard!
王八蛋。
Literally means "turtle's egg."
Wáng bā dàn.
(Wáng-bā-dàn!)

I'm sorry/Excuse me.
对不起。
Duì bù qǐ.
(Dwày bù chǐ.)

To feel apologetic/ regretful.
抱歉。
Bào qiàn.
(Bàu chièn.)

Please forgive me!
请你原谅我!
Qíng nǐ yuán liàng wǒ!
(Chíng nǐ yuén-liàng wǒ!)

I forgive you.
我原谅你。
Wǒ yuán liàng nǐ.
(Wǒ yuén-liàng nǐ.)

I can't forgive you.
我不能原谅你。
Wǒ bù néng yuán liàng nǐ.
(Wǒ bù núng yuén-liàng nǐ.)

I'll never forgive you.
我永远不会原谅你。
Wǒ yóng yuǎn bú huì yuán liàng nǐ.
(Wǒ yóng-yuěn bú hwày yuén-liàng nǐ.)

I want to apologize.
我想道歉。
Wó xiǎng dào qiàn.
(Wó shiǎng dòw-chièn.)

You'd better apologize.
你最好道歉。
Nǐ zuì hào dào qiàn.
(Nǐ dzuày hǒw dòw-chièn.)

Ok, but don't let it ever happen again.
好,但是不要再发生这种事情。
Hǎo, dàn shì bù yào zài fā shēng zhè zhǒng shì qíng.
(Hǒw, dàn-shèr bù-yòw zài fāh-shēng jùh jǒng shèr-chíng.)

Don't do it again!
下不为例。
Xià bù wéi lì!
(Shiàh bù wáy lì!)

OK, you're right.
算你对。
Suàn nǐ duì.
(Swàn nǐ dwày.)

OK, you win.
算你赢。
Suàn nǐ yíng.
(Swàn nǐ íng.)

OK, I lose.
算我输。
Suàn wǒ sū.
(Swàn wǒ sū).

You are/were ...
你是…。
Nǐ shì ... .
(Nǐ shèr... .)

I am/was ...
我是…。

Wǒ shì. . . .
(Wǒ shèr. . . .)

He/She/It was ...
他／他／它是…。

Tā shì. . . .
(Tā shèr. . . .)

Right
对了

Duì le
(Dwày lůh)

Wrong
错了

Cuò le
(Tsuò lůh)

Retribution
报应

Bào yìng
(Bàu-ìng)

What goes around comes around
恶有恶报。

È yǒu è bào.
(Èr yǒ èr bàu.)

This phrase applies to evil deeds.

What goes around comes around.
善有善报。

Shàn yǒu shàn bào.
(Shàn yǒ shàn bàu.)

This phrase applies to good deeds.

On the Phone 6

Do you have a phone?
你有电话吗?
Ní yǒu diàn huà ma?
(Níyǒ dièn-hwàh må?)

What's your phone number?
你的电话是多少?
Nǐ de diàn huà shì duō shǎo?
(Nǐ důh dièn-hwàh shèr duō shǎo?)

Can I call you?
我可以给你打电话吗?
Wǒ ké yǐ géi nídǎ diàn huà ma?
(Wǒ kúh-ǐ gáy ní dǎh dièn hwàh må?)

Hello, is … there?
喂, 请问…在吗?
Wéi, qǐng wèn… zài ma?
(Wáy, chǐng-wèn… zài må?)

Please give me extension …
请转…。
Qíng zhuǎn… .
(Chíng juǎn… .)





The line's busy.
占线。
Zhàn xiàn.
(Jàn-shièn.)

Who's calling please?
请问，你是哪位？
Qǐng wèn, nǐ shì nǎ wèi?
(Chǐng-wèn, nǐ shèr nǎh wày?)

Please hold on for a moment.
请等一下。
Qíng děng yí xià.
(Chíng dǔng í-shiàh.)

John isn't in.
John 不在。
John bú zài.
(John bú zài.)

When will he/she be back?
他 / 她什么时候回来。
Tā shén me shí hoù huí lái.
(Tā shém-mǔh shér-hò hwáy lái?)

Please tell him/her John called
请告诉他 / 她 John 打电话给他 / 她。
Qǐng gào sù tā John dǎ diàn huà gěi tā.
(Chǐng gòw-sǔ tā John dǎh dièn-hwàh gáy tā.)

Please tell him/her ...
请告诉他 / 她…
Qǐng gào sù tā. . . .
(Chǐng gòw-sǔ tā. . . .)

I'll phone again.
我再打。
Wǒ zài dǎ.
(Wǒ zài dǎh.)

I'll call you.
我打电话给你。
Wó dǎ diàn huà géi nǐ.
(Wó dǎh dièn hwàh gáy nǐ.)

Please call me.
请打电话给我。
Chíng dǎ diàn huà géi wǒ.
(Chíng dǎh dièn hwàh gáy wǒ.)

Please have him/her call me.
请他／她给我回电话。
Qǐng tā géi wǒ huí diàn huà
(Chǐng tā gáy wǒ hwáy dièn hwàh.)

My phone number is ... .
我的电话是…。
Wǒ de diàn huà shì... .
(Wǒ-dǔh dièn-hwàh shèr... .)

I'll call you back.
我给你回电话。
Wǒ géi nǐ huí diàn huà.
(Wǒ gáy nǐ hwáy dièn hwàh.)

Lover's Language

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Lover
爱人

Ài rén
(Ài-rén)

In mainland China this means "wife" or "husband," but in other countries it means "mistress" or "lover." Don't make the mistake of referring to someone's wife as their mistress.

Electrifying sensation of love at first sight.
起电.

Qǐ diàn.
(Chǐ dièn.)

Dièn literally means "electricity."

Chemistry
来电

Lái diàn
(Lái dièn)

This usually happens when one falls in love.

Old cows eat tender grass.
老牛吃嫩草。

Lǎo niú chī nèn cǎo.
(Lǎo nioú chēr nùn tsów.)

This refers to older men chasing younger women.

Man trying to woo a woman.
泡妞。

Pào niū.
(Pòw nioū.)



Woman trying to catch a rich man.
钓金龟婿
Diào jīn guī xù
(Diào jīn guāy xù)

Rich man
有钱人
Yǒu qián rén
(Yǒ chién rén)

Rich woman
富家女
Fù jiā nǚ
(Fù jiāh nǐu)

Miss.
小姐
Xiáo jiě
(Shiáu-jiěh)

Sir.
先生
Xiān shēng
(Shiēn-shūng)

Single man.
单身汉
Dān shēn hàn
(Dān-shēn hàn)

Single woman.
单身女郎
Dān shēn nǚ láng
(Dān-shēn níu láng)

Single person
单身贵族
Means "single, happy person."
Dān shēn guì zú
(Dān-shēn guày dzú)

Old single man
光棍
A man who has never married.
Guāng gùn
(Guāng-guèn)

Playboy
花花公子
Huā huā gōng zǐ
(Hwāh hwāh gāng dž)

You're very cute.
你很可爱。
Ní hén kě ài.
(Ní hún kǔh-ài .)

You're very pretty.
你很漂亮。
Ní hěn piào liàng.
(Ní hǔn piòw-liǎng.)

You're very beautiful.
你很美。
Ní hén měi.
(Ní hún mǎy.)



Very charming.
很迷人。
Hěn mí rén.
(Hún mí rén.)

You're so sexy!
你很性感。
Ní hěn xìng gǎn!
(Ní hǔn shìng-gǎn!)

You have a beautiful body!
你的身材很美!
Nǐ de shēn cái hén měi!
(Nǐ-důh shūn-tsái hún mǎy!)

You have beautiful eyes!
你的眼睛很美。
Nǐ de yǎn jing hén měi!
(Nǐ-důh yiěn-ging hún mǎy!)

Beautiful lady.
美女。
Méi nǚ
(Máy nǐu.)

Handsome guy.
帅哥。
Shuài gē.
(Swài gūh.)

You changed your hairstyle.
你变发型了。
Nǐ biàn fǎ xíng le.
(Nǐ bièn fǎh-shíng lůh.)

I want to know more about you.
我想更了解你。
Wó xiǎng gèng liáo jiě nǐ.
(Wó shiǎng gèng liáu-jiěh nǐ.)

I like you!
我喜欢你!
Wó xǐ huān nǐ!
(Wó shǐ-huān nǐ!)



Do you like … girls/boys?
你喜欢…女孩／男孩吗？
Ní xǐ huān… nǚ hái/nán hái ma?
(Ní shǐ-huān… nǐu-hái/ nán-hái må?)

Chinese.
中国人。
Zhōng guó rén.
(Jōng guó rén.)

American.
美国人。
Měi guó rén.
(Mǎy guó rén.)

I'm crazy about you!
我为你疯狂!
Wǒ wèi nǐ fēng kuáng!
(Wǒ wày nǐ fūng-kwáng!)

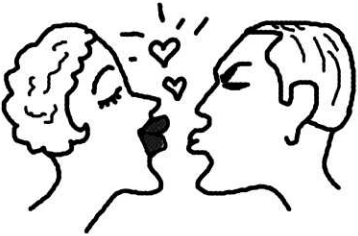
I'd like to take you out *(on a date)*.
我想请你出来。
Wó xiǎng chíng nǐ chū lái.
(Wó shiǎng chíng nǐ chū-lái.)

Would you like to dance?
你想跳舞吗？
Ní xiǎng tiào wǔ ma?
(Ní shiáng tiòw-wǔ må?)

Would you accompany me?
陪我好吗？
Péi wó hǎo ma?
(Páy wó hǒw må?)

I'll see you home.
我送你回家。
Wǒ sòng nǐ huí jiā.
(Wǒ sòng nǐ hwáy jiāh.)

I miss you. 我想你。	Wó xiáng nǐ. *(Wó shiáng nǐ.)*
I want you. 我要你。	Wǒ yào nǐ. *(Wǒ yòw nǐ.)*
Close your eyes. 闭上眼睛。	Bì shàng yǎn jing. *(Bì-shàng yěn-jing.)*
Open your eyes. 睁开眼睛。	Zhāng kāi yǎn jing. *(Jūng kāi yěn-jing.)*
Kiss me! 吻我。 亲我。	Wén wǒ! *(Wén wǒ!*)* Qīn wǒ! *(Chīn wǒ!**)*



Bad breath. 口臭。	Kǒu chòu. *(Kǒ-tsòu.)*
Really stinks. 很臭	Hěn chòu. *(Hǔn tsòu.)*
Hug me! 抱我!	Bào wǒ! *(Bàu wǒ!)*
I'm yours. 我是你的。	Wǒ shì nǐ de. *(Wǒ shèr nǐ-dǔh.)*
You're mine. 你是我的。	Nǐ shì wǒ de. *(Nǐ shèr wǒ-dǔh.)*

I'm so happy!
我很高兴!
Wó hěn gāo xìng!
(Wó hǔn gōw-shìng!)

Stay here.
留下来。
Liú xià lái.
(Lioú shiàh lái.)

Come close to me.
靠近我。
Kào jìn wǒ.
(Kòw jìn wǒ.)

What are you doing?
你在做什么?
Nǐ zài zuò shén me?
(Nǐ dzài dzuò shém-mǔh?)

I want to make love.
我想做爱。
Wó xiǎng zuò ài.
(Wó shiǎng dzuò ài.)

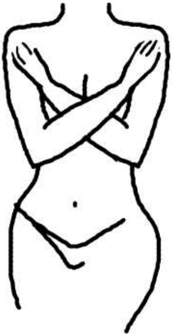
Excellent!
好极了!
Hǎo jí le!
(Hǒw jí lǔh!)

No way!
不行!
Bù xíng!
(Bù shíng!)

I don't want to get pregnant.
我不想怀孕.
Wǒ bù xiǎng huái yùn.
(Wǒ bù shiǎng huái-yuèn.)

Is today safe for you?
今天是你的安全期吗?
Jīn tiān shì nǐ de ān quán qī ma?
(Jīn-tiēn shèr nǐ-dǔh ān-chuén chēe mǎ?)





Are you using protection?
你有避孕吗？

Ní yǒu bì yùn ma?
(Ní yǒ bì-yuèn må?)

Please use protection.
请你带保险套。
Means "please wear a condom."

Qíng nǐ dài báo xiǎn tào.
(Chíng nǐ dài báu-shiěn tàu.)

Condom (rubber)
避孕套

Bì yùn tào
(Bì-yuèn tàu)

Do you have your period?
你有月事吗？

Ní yǒu yuè shì ma?
(Ní yǒ yuèh-shèr må?)

Are you on the rag?
你有月经吗？

Ní yǒu yuè jīn ma?
(Ní yǒ yuèh-jīn må?)

I've got my period.
我的月经来了。

Wǒ de yuè jīn lái le.
(Wǒ důh yuèh-jīn lái lůh.)

Is this your first time?
你是第一次吗？

Nǐ shì dì yī cì ma?
(Nǐ shèr dì ī-ts må?)

Male virgin
童男子

Tóng nán zǐ
(Tóng nán dzǐ)

Female virgin
处女

Chù nǚ
(Chù- nǐu)

Old virgin Lǎo chù nǚ
老处女 *(Lǎu chù- nǐu)*

An insulting term for an old, unmarried woman.

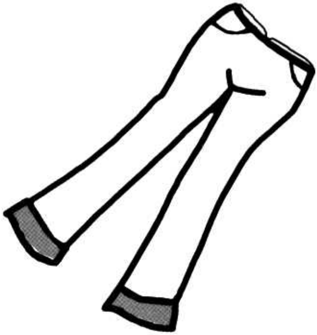
Take your … off. Tuō xià nǐ de… .
脱下你的…。 *(Tuō-shiàh nǐ-dǔh… .)*

Clothes Yī fu.
衣服 *(ī-fǔ)*

Coat Dà yī
大衣 *(Dà ī)*

Shirt Chèn shān
衬衫 *(Chèn-shān)*

Bra Xiōng zhào
胸罩 *(Shiōng-jòw)*



Pants Kù zi
裤子 *(Kù-tż)*

Dress Yáng zhuāng
洋装 *(Yáng-juāng)*

Underwear Nèi yī
内衣 *(Này-ī)*

Shoes Xié zi
鞋子 *(Shiéh-tż)*

Body Shēn tǐ
身体 *(Shūn-tǐ)*

Hair Tóu fa
头发 *(Tó-fåh)*

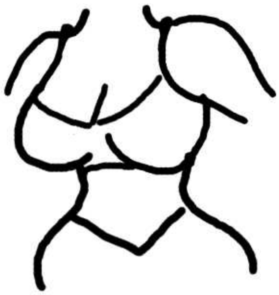
Eyes Yǎn jing
眼睛 *(Yěn-jing)*

Ears Ěr duō
耳朵 *(Ěr-duō)*

Lips Zuǐ chún
嘴唇 *(Dzuǎy-chuén)*

Chest Xiōng bù
胸部 *(Shiōng-bù)*

Breasts Ru fáng
乳房 *(Rǔ-fáng)*



Nipples Rǔ tóu
乳头 *(Rǔ-tó)*

Rear end (ass) Pì gu
屁股 *(Pì-gů)*

Navel — Dù qí
肚脐 — *(Dù-chée)*

Vagina — Yīn dào
阴道 — *(īng-dòw)*

Penis — Yīn jīng
阴茎 — *(īng-jīng)*

Testicles — Gāo wán
睾丸 — *(Gōw-wán)*

Your … is/are so (big/small)! — Nǐ de… hěn (dà/xiǎo)!
你的…很（大／小）！ — *(Nǐ-dǔh… hǔn (dàh/shiǎu!))*

Touch me! — Mō wǒ!
摸我! — *(Muō wǒ!)*

Don't touch me! — Bú yào pèng wǒ!
不要碰我! — *(Bú-yòw pòng wǒ!)*

Don't touch me there! — Bú yào pèng wǒ nà lǐ!
不要碰我那里! — *(Bú-yòw pòng wǒ nàh-lǐ!)*

Don't do that! — Bú yào zhè yàng zi!
不要这样子! — *(Bù yòw jùh yàng-dż!)*



Stop! 停止!	Tíng zhǐ! *(Tíng-jǐ!)*
I'm a little nervous. 我有点紧张。	Wó yóu diǎn jǐn zhāng. *(Wó yó dién jǐn-jāng.)*
Don't be nervous. 不要紧张。	Bù yào jǐn zhāng. *(Bù yòw jǐn-jāng.)*
I'm afraid. 我很怕。	Wó hěn pà. *(Wó hǔn pàh.)*
What are you afraid of? 怕什么?	Pà shén me? *(Pàh shém-mǔh?)*
Don't worry about it. 不要担心。	Bú yào dān xīn. *(Bù yòw dān shīn.)*
Bite me! 咬我!	Yáo wǒ! *(Yów wǒ!)*
Lick me! 舔我!	Tián wǒ! *(Tién wǒ!)*
Blow me! 吸我!	Xī wǒ! *(Shī wǒ!)*
Softer. 轻一点。 别使劲。	Qīng yì diǎn. *(Chīng ì-diěn.)* Bié shǐ jìn. *(Biéh shǐ-jìn.)*
More tender. 温柔一点。	Wēn róu yì diǎn. *(Wēn-ró ì-diěn.)*
Stronger. 使劲一点。	Shǐ jìn yì diǎn. *(Shǐ-jìn ì-diěn.)*
Missionary style. 正常体位。	Zhèng cháng tǐ wèi. *(Jèng-cháng tǐ-wày.)*
Girl on top. 骑乘体位。	Qí chéng tǐ wèi. *(Chí chùng tǐ-wày.)*

Doggie style.
后背体位。
Hòu bèi tǐ wèi.
(Hò-bày tǐ-wày.)

Have you come?
你高潮了吗?
Nǐ gǎo cháo le ma?
(Nǐ gōw-chów lůh må?)

Not yet!
还没!
Hái méi!
(Hái máy!)

I haven't come!
我还没高潮!
Wǒ hái méi gāo cháo!
(Wǒ hái máy gōw-chów!)

Oh no!
哎呀!
Aì ya!
(Aì-yå!)

Orgy.
杂交。
Zá jiāo.
(Záh-jiōw.)

I'm coming!
我快高潮了!
Wǒ kuài gāo cháo le!
(Wǒ kwài gōw-chów lůh!)

I've come!
我高潮了!
Wǒ gāo cháo le!
(Wǒ gōw-chów lůh!)

I feel good!
我好爽!
Sometimes said after sex.
Wó háo shuǎng!
(Wó hów shuǎng!)

You do it so well!
你做得很好!
Nǐ zuò de hén hǎo!
(Nǐ dzuò-důh hún hǒw!)

You're brilliant!
你很厉害!
Ní hěn lì hài!
(Ní hǔn lì-håi!)

I love you!
我爱你!
Wǒ ài nǐ!
(Wǒ ài nǐ!)

I don't want to leave you!
我不想离开你!
Wǒ bù xiǎng lí kāi nǐ!
(Wǒ bù shiǎng lí-kāi nǐ!)

I can't live without you!
我不能没有你!
Wǒ bù néng méi yóu nǐ!
(Wǒ bù núng máy yó nǐ!)



One more time.
再来一次。

Zài lái yí ci.
(Dzài lái lí-tz.)

I'm pregnant.
我怀孕了。

Wǒ huái yùn le.
(Wǒ hwái-yuèn lůh.)

Abortion
坠胎

Duò tāi
(Duò-tāi)

Let's get married!
我们结婚吧!

Wǒ men jié hūn ba!
(Wǒ-mėn jiéh-hwēn bå!)

I want to marry you!
我想嫁给你!
我想娶你!

Wó xiǎng jià géi nǐ!
(Wó shiǎng jiàh gáy nǐ!)*
Wó xiǎng qú nǐ!
*(Wó shiǎng chíu nǐ!**)*

* For women only.
** For men only.

I have a ...
我有…。

Wó yǒu... .
(Wó yǒ... .)

I don't have a ...
我没有…。

Wó méi yǒu... .
(Wó máy yǒ... .)

I want a ...
我要…。

Wǒ yào....
(Wǒ yòw....)

I don't want a ...
我不要…。

Wǒ bú yào....
(Wǒ bù-yòw....)

Girlfriend
女朋友

Nǚ péng yǒu
(Nǐu-póng-yǒ)

Boyfriend
男朋友

Nán péng yǒu
(Nán-póng-yǒ)

Wife
太太

Tài tai
(Tài-tåi)

Husband
丈夫

Zhàng fū
(Jàng-fū)

I don't love you!
我不爱你!

Wǒ bù ài nǐ!
(Wǒ bù ài nǐ!)



I can't go out with you any more.
我不能再跟你出去了!

Wǒ bù néng zài gēn nǐ chū qù le!
(Wǒ bù néng zài gūn nǐ chū chìu lůh!)



I've got another lover.
我爱上另外一个人。

Wǒ ài shàng lìng wài yí ge rén.
(Wǒ ài-shàng lìng-wài í-gůh rén.)

I'm jealous of him/her.
我很嫉妒他／她。

Wó hěn jì dù tā.
(Wó hǔn jì-dù tā.)

Let's end our relationship!
结束我们的关系吧!

Jié shù wǒ men de gūan xī ba!
(Jiéh-sù wǒ-mėn-důh gūan-shī bå!)

I've got a sexual disease.
我中标了。

Wǒ zhòng biāo le.
(Wǒ jòng biōw lůh.)

I've got ...
我有…。

Wó yǒu... .
(Wó yǒ... .)

You gave me ... .
你传染…给我了!

Nǐ chuán rǎn... géi wǒ le!
(Nǐ chuán-rán... gáy wǒ lůh!)

AIDS
艾滋病

Ài zi bìng
(Ài-dz bìng)

Herpes
疱疹

Pào zhěn
(Pòw-jǔn)

Gonorrhea
淋病

Lín bìng
(Lín-bìng)

Syphilis
梅毒

Méi dú
(Máy-dú)

Whore, prostitute
妓女

Jì nǚ
(Jì-nǐu)

Vogue Expressions 8

I'm ugly but I'm tender.
我很丑，可是我很温柔。
Wó hén chǒu, kě shì wó hén wēn róu.
(Wó hǔn tsǒu, kǔh-shèr wó hǔn wēn-ró.)

Usually said by men.

Sexy lady.
正点。
Zhèng diǎn.
(Jèn-diěn.)

Very cute (fashionable).
很酷。
Hěn kù.
(Hǔn kù.)

Person completely out of style *(geek, hick).*
乡巴佬。
Xiāng ba lǎo.
(Shiāng-bå lǎu.)

Stupid-looking person.
傻瓜。
Shá guā.
(Shiǎh guāh.)



A genius may look stupid. Dà zhì ruò yú.
大智若愚。 *(Dàh jèr ruò yíu.)*

This is an old expression (not exactly in vogue), but is a nice comeback if anyone ever accuses you of looking stupid.

You've solved a problem. Băi píng.
摆平。 *(Băi píng.)*

I want to make love. Wó shiáng dă pào.
我想打炮。 *(Wó shiáng dăh pòw.)*

Wrinkles by eyes. Yú wĕi wén.
鱼尾纹。 *(Yíu-wăy wén)*

In the West such wrinkles are known by the slang "crow's feet," as if stepped on by such a bird, but the Chinese don't see it that way. They envision a fish whose body is your eye and whose tail is the wrinkles. The expression literally means "fishtail wrinkles."



FOR THE LOVE OF BASEBALL!

Many Chinese love to play baseball—so much so that they've come to refer to many things with baseball-related terminology—just like Americans.

First base (got a date)
一垒打
Yī léi dǎ.
(Ī-láy-dǎh.)

Second base (held hands)
二垒打
Èr léi dǎ.
(Èr-láy-dǎh.)

Third base *(kissed and fooled around a bit)*
三垒打
Sān léi dǎ.
(Sān-láy-dǎh.)

Home run (made love)
全垒打
Quán léi dǎ.
(Chuén-láy-dǎh.)

A RATING SYSTEM

The Chinese are extremely polite people and are such even when young men are rating women. The following is used by men to categorize women by appearance.

She is very beautiful.
她很漂亮。
Tā hěn piào liàng.
(Tā hǔn piòw-liǎng.)

This is said of extremely beautiful women.



She is very cute.
她很可爱。
Tā hén kě ài.
(Tā hún kŭh-ài.)

This is said of women of moderate beauty.

She is very patriotic.
她很爱国。
Tā hěn ài guó.
(Tā hŭn ài-guó.)

This is said of plain-looking women.

She obeys the rules well.
她很守规矩。
Tā hén shǒu guī jù.
(Tā hún shŏ guāy-jiu.)

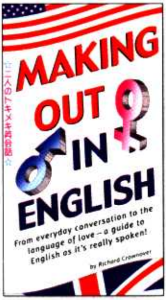
This is said of ugly women.

Her writing is very beautiful.
她的字很漂亮。
Tā de zì hěn piào liàng.
(Tā dŭn dż hŭn piòw-liǎng.)

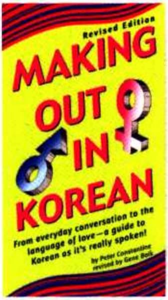
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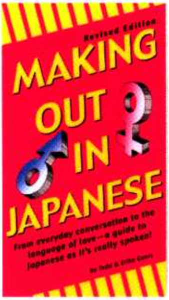
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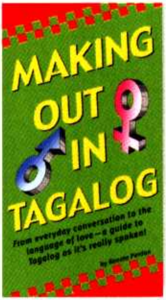
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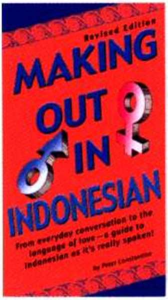
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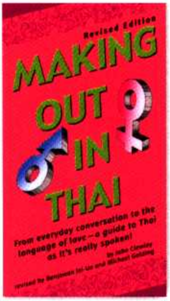
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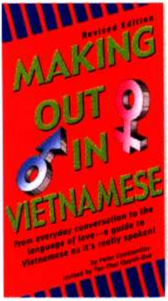
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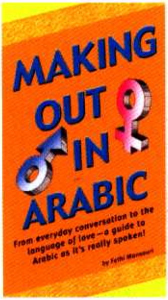
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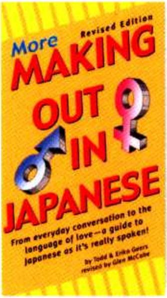
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